



Arizona

Sahuarita Air Force Range

Facility and Location

Former Sahuarita Air Force Range (AFR) is located approximately 20 miles southeast of Tucson in Pima County. The site consisted of 27,045 acres, which were acquired in 1942. At the time of the Archives Search Report site visit, most of the site was owned by the state of Arizona and was used for cattle grazing. A small portion of the site was private property with residential areas.

Former Sahuarita AFR is flat desert land. The site was established as a pattern bombing range in support of Davis-Monthan Field. Improvements consisted of 12 buildings, observation towers, a 5,400 foot runway, miscellaneous structures, utilities; an unpiloted radio controlled flying target range, four bomb targets, a large air-to-ground range, and a single target air-to-ground range. The Inventory Project Report noted the explosive ordnance disposal squadron clearance of 2,550 acres at Former Sahuarita AFR in 1978.

Media Sampled and Findings

Drinking Water — In 2007, four of four samples detected perchlorate from 0.44 to 0.95 ppb.

Appropriate Actions

Not Applicable. All samples were below the EPA and DoD Preliminary Remediation Goal of 15 ppb.